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SUBJECT: FY92 ESF AGREEMENT AND CN SECTIONS
- PUBLICLY SIGNED AUGUST 21

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1. (C) SUMMARY: THE FY92 ESF AGREEMENT AND THREE FY92 SECTIONS TO THE BILATERAL COUNTERNARCOTICS (CN) AGREEMENT WERE SIGNED PUBLICLY ON AUGUST 21. (A PARALLEL AID MESSAGE WILL BE SENT SEPTEL). THE UPBEAT, WELL-PUBLICIZED CEREMONY WAS ATTENDED BY SIX GOB CABINET MINISTERS AND EMPHASIZEDTHE EXCELLENT STATE OFU.S.-BOLIVIAN RELATIONS. THE GOB'S INTERPELLATION FEARS AND CONCERNS ABOUT THE ARMY'S CN ROLE APPARENTLY HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED. THE PUBLIC CEREMONY HOOPLA WAS IN KEEPING WITH THE GOB'S RECENT POSITIVE "MEDIA CAMPAIGN" OF SORTS ON U.S.-BOLIVIAN

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RELATIONS. THESE FY92 AGREEMENTS WERE FULLY NEGOTIATED WITH THE GOB; BOTH SIDES SHOULD BE SATISFIED WITH THE RESULTS. NEXT YEAR'S AGREEMENTS WILL BE CAREFULLY COORDINATED AS WELL, BOTH TO IMPROVE THE AGREEMENTS THEMSELVES AND TO IMPROVE THE GOB'S ABILITY TO COORDINATE, IMPLEMENT AND DEFEND THOSE AGREEMENTS. END SUMMARY.

2. (U) ON AUGUST 21, IN AN UPBEAT, WELL-PUBLICIZED CEREMONY AT THE MFA, THE FY92 ESF AGREEMENT AND THE THREE FY92 SECTIONS TO THE BILATERAL COUNTERNARCOTICS (CN) AGREEMENT WERE SIGNED PUBLICLY. FIVE CABINET MINISTERS (INTERIOR, DEFENSE, EXPORTS AND ECONOMIC COMPETITIVENESS, FINANCE AND PLANNING) JOINED FONMIN RONALD MACLEAN FOR THE MID-DAY CEREMONY.

3. (U) THE AMBASSADOR'S AND MACLEAN'S REMARKS, ALMOST MIRROR IMAGES, STRESSED THE FOLLOWING THEMES:

-- THE LONG HISTORY OF U.S.-BOLIVIAN RELATIONS, CLOSER AND STRONGER THAN EVER AND COMPREHENSIVE, AS ILLUSTRATED BY THE MANY CABINET MINISTERS PRESENT (MACLEAN);

-- THE 10-YEAR SUCCESS OF BOLIVIAN DEMOCRACY, IN SPITE OF THE CHALLENGE OF NARCO-TRAFFICKING (THE AMBASSADOR);

-- USG COMMITMENT TO HELP THE GOB STRENGTHEN ITS DEMOCRACY AND FIGHT THE DRUG WAR AT THE SAME TIME. THE CN AGREEMENT, WHICH HELPED TAKE ON THE TRAFFICKERS, THEREFORE ALSO HELPED DEFEND BOLIVIAN DEMOCRACY (THE AMBASSADOR);

-- HOW THE FY92 AGREEMENTS COMPLIMENTED EACH OTHER AND WERE PART OF A "SHARED RESPONSIBILITY" TO FIGHT THE DRUG WAR, AS REEMPHASIZED BY PRESIDENTS BUSH AND PAZ ZAMORA AT THE SAN ANTONIO SUMMIT (MACLEAN);

-- THE UNPRECEDENTED SUCCESSES OF THE ON-GOING, JOINT OPERATION GHOST ZONE, WHICH HAD MADE SIGNIFICANT INROADS AGAINST BOLIVIAN TRAFFICKING NETWORKS AND THEIR CALI CARTEL LINKS (BOTH SPEAKERS; MACLEAN CITED EMBASSY-PROVIDED STATISTICS IN HIS REMARKS);

-- THE SUCCESSES OF JOINT ECONOMIC POLICIES SUCH AS THE ESF SUPPORT LINKED TO COCA ERADICATION AND THE ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR COCA-GROWING REGIONS (THE AMBASSADOR); AND

-- THE CLOSE USG-GOB COOPERATION AND COORDINATION IN ALL THESE AREAS, WHICH UNDERSCORED THE BETTER-THAN-EVER STATE OF U.S.-BOLIVIAN RELATIONS (BOTH SPEAKERS).

OF NOTE, MACLEAN SPECIFICALLY RULED OUT AN ARMY CN ROLE,

A REMARK THAT PROVOKED NO VISIBLE REACTION FROM MINDEF SAENZ KLINSKY.
4. (U) THE LOVE FEAST CONTINUED AFTER THE SIGNING WHEN THE USUAL MEDIA MOB TOSSED UNUSUAL SOFTBALL QUESTIONS TO THE AMBASSADOR. ONE TV CHANNEL EVEN RAN A STORY ON THE SIGNING FOR ITS EARLY AFTERNOON NEWSCAST, AIRED LESS THAN AN HOUR AFTER THE CEREMONY ITSELF. (COMMENT: WE WILL STAY TUNED TO SEE IF THE MORE COMPREHENSIVE COVERAGE IN THE AUGUST 21 EVENING NEWS AND THE AUGUST 22 NEWSPAPERS REFLECTS THE POSITIVE TONE OF THE INTER
VIEW. END
COMMENT.)

5. (C) IN RELAXED BANTER BEFORE THE CEREMONY, FINANCE MINISTER JORGE QUIROGA POINTED OUT HOW THE USDOLS 66 MILLION IN ESF WAS EQUIVALENT TO OVER 20 PERCENT OF BOLIVIA'S USDOLS 300 MILLION INTERNATIONAL RESERVES. INTERIOR MINISTER SAAVEDRA (AS RELAXED AS WE HAVE SEEN HIM LATELY) REPORTED THAT PAZ ZAMORA HAD MET WITH THE HIGH

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COMMAND AND "EVERYTHING WAS FINE" (I.E., THERE WOULD BE NO LAST DITCH EFFORT BY THE ARMY TO OBTAIN MORE MILITARY ASSISTANCE). GOB-INSTIGATED STORIES IN THE MEDIA RECENTLY HAVE MADE THE SAME POINT; THE SUPPLY AND TRANSPORT BATTALION IS ALL THE GN ASSISTANCE THE ARMY WILL GET, FOR NOW.

6. (C) COMMENT: THE PUBLIC CEREMONY HOOPLA WAS NOT AS INCONGRUOUS AS IT MIGHT SEEM WITH THE PRIVATE TUG OF WAR THAT LEAD TO THE GOB'S SIGNING. IN ITS OWN INIMITABLE STYLE, THE GOB HAS CONDUCTED A POSITIVE "MEDIA CAMPAIGN" OF SORTS ON U.S.-BOLIVIAN RELATIONS INCLUDING THE AUGUST 10 MFA STATEMENT ON THE CRANSTON LETTER, AND POSITIVE (OR AT LEAST NO NEGATIVE) STATEMENTS ABOUT BILATERAL RELATIONS IN THE MEDIA SINCE. AS FRUSTRATING AS IT WAS AT TIMES, THESE FY92 AGREEMENTS WERE FULLY NEGOTIATED WITH THE GOB; BOTH SIDES SHOULD BE SATISFIED WITH THE RESULTS. NEXT YEAR'S AGREEMENTS WILL BE CAREFULLY COORDINATED AS WELL; WE DELIVERED A PROPOSED ASSESSMENT AND REVIEW SCHEDULE (AS STIPULATED IN SECTIONS A-C) TO THE MFA ON AUGUST 21.

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